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HEALTH commissioners have decided to close the New Epsom and Ewell Community Hospital (NEECH) and move its services to Epsom General Hospital, pending a review into the state of hospital buildings in the borough.

Governors at Surrey Downs Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) opted to close the hospital after a 14-week public consultation.

The CCG's governing board announced the decision, which also included turning Leatherhead Community Hospital into a planned care centre, on Friday, July 29.

Option 2, which will see inpatient beds and the Poplars ward move from NEECH to Epsom General Hospital as well as outpatient services transferred to nearby locations, was chosen by governors despite just 16 per cent of respondents selecting it as their first preference. 669 people completed the survey.

Dr Claire Fuller, clinical chairman at Surrey Downs CCG said the move of services within Epsom will give patients access to a "wider range" of services and would reduce patients' journey times.

She added the final transfer of services from the Horton Lane site would be "dependent on the outcome of Epsom and St Helier Trust's (ESTH) estates review" – an ongoing assessment of the twin hospitals' buildings and their ability to house hospital facilities.

Accordingly, the Trust currently "don't have a timescale for transferring services", she said.

"It means we can now start working with the trust and CSH Surrey on next steps, which feels very exciting," Dr Fuller added.

Health campaigners at Keep Our St Helier Hospital (KOSHH) have voiced concerns about resources at Epsom General Hospital being stretched and questioned what the transfer of services might mean for the estates review.

A spokeswoman for the group said: "If Epsom is seriously downgraded as a result of the estates review, it'd be unclear if the hospital would have the resources for a new community ward.

"In any case, this would mean less services for the community and a community ward would be under a lot of pressure."

Mole Valley District Councillor Paul Kennedy, who launched a petition to save Leatherhead Community Hospital last year, also voiced his concerns about Epsom Hospital.

He said: "I fear that the selection of Option 2 could be the writing on the wall for Epsom Hospital, because it will make it easier for the Epsom-St Helier review to recommend downgrading Epsom Hospital to a community hospital."

Dr Fuller said: "This decision is based on the improvements in patient care we saw when the community ward temporarily transferred onto the Epsom Hospital site in 2014.

"This gave patients access to a much wider range of diagnostic services including x-rays, scans and other tests, and we also saw reduced lengths of stay in hospital, meaning that patients were able to return home, with the right care, much more quickly."

Shutting down: Services at the New Epsom and Ewell Community Hospital to cease and move to the general hospital

RANDOM ATTACK: A black-clad gunman shot two men with a BB gun in broad daylight in a suspected random attack in Epsom last week, before fleeing on a moped. One man suffered slight bruising to his leg and the second man was left with a bruised stomach following the attack. Both men were shot multiple times near Court Recreation Ground at about 4.30pm on Thursday, July 28. They were treated for minor injuries at the scene by paramedics from the South East Coast Ambulance Service. Surrey Police are keen to speak to a man who was seen in the area at the time of the attack. He is described as white, of slight build, about 5 ft 7 is tall, wearing a black leather jacket and black helmet and was believed to be carrying a black air gun in a brown leather messenger bag worn across his body. After the shooting, he is believed to have fled on a red moped with learner plates. He was believed to have headed away from the town centre. Surrey Police believe the incident was a random attack, but are continuing to carry out door-to-door inquiries. To offer information, call Surrey Police on 101, quoting crime reference number 45160065436. Or call the independent charity Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

Suspect quizzed and bailed in investigation into murder of Ricardo Hunter, 34, of Coulsdon

London man, 38, arrested in probe into Headley pool party shooting

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A MAN has been arrested on suspicion of shooting dead a 34-year-old man at a private pool party at a mansion in Headley.

The 38-year-old was arrested after Ricardo Hunter, 34, from Coulsdon was shot dead in Headley in the early hours of Monday, July 25.

A 36-year-old woman also suffered gunshot wounds to the leg in the attack in Church Lane.

The 38-year-old man from London has been released on bail until September 8, while police investigations continue.

A 30-year-old woman from London was arrested on suspicion of assisting an offender. She has been bailed until September 22. Neither has been charged.

Officers from the Surrey and Sussex Major Crime Team expect to spend several more days carrying out forensic examination of the house.

DCI Paul Rymarz, from the Surrey and Sussex Major Crime Team, said: "We are continuing to appeal for witnesses to Ricardo Hunter's murder to come forward. Although we have already spoken to a number of people, it remains our intention to speak to everyone who was at the party.

"We are particularly keen to see any photos or video taken on the night as this information could prove vital. I know people may have concerns about contacting the police so I would like to reassure them that we will treat any reports or information provided in the strictest confidence.

"We will be building up a picture of how events unfolded at the party in what is an extensive and challenging investigation."

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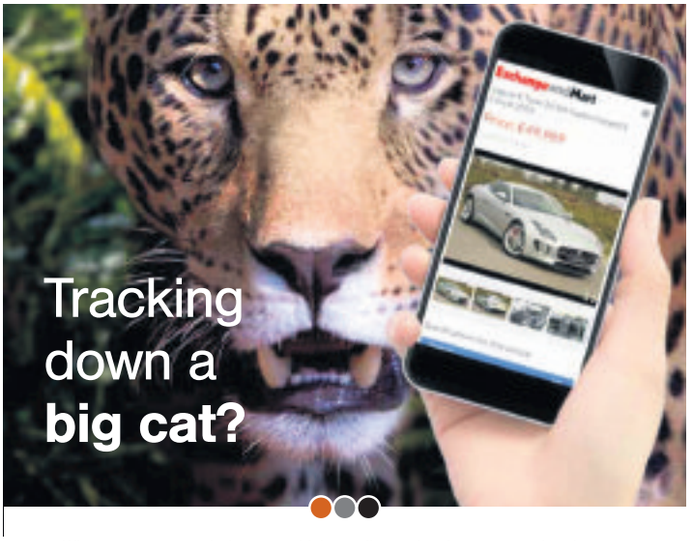
Ricardo Hunter, 34, from Coulsdon, was shot dead at a house in Headley



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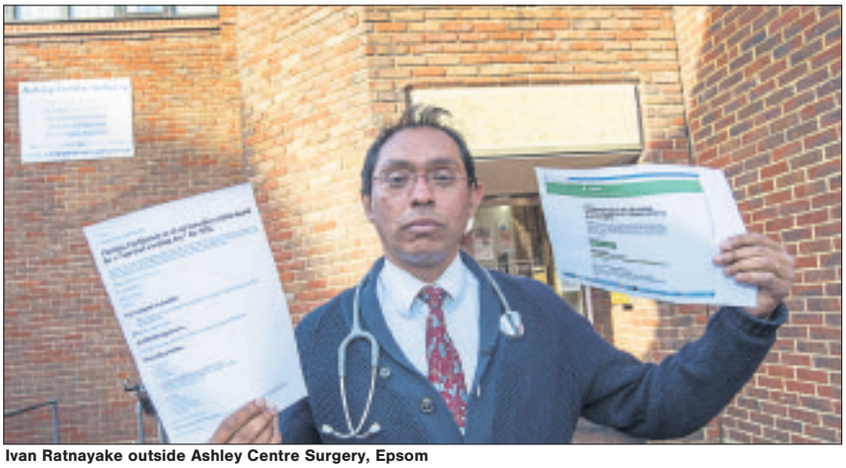

Ivan Ratnayake outside Ashley Centre Surgery, Epsom

100,000 back MPs working weekends

A PETITION calling on MPs to work weekends, as junior doctors were asked to do earlier this year, has reached more than 100,000 signatures – enough to force a parliamentary debate.

Dr Ivan Ratnayake, a general practitioner at the Ashley Centre Surgery, Ashley Avenue, Epsom, launched the petition in February as the debate over new contracts for junior doctors was raging at its highest.

Since then an agreement which would see an increase in pay for those working weekends has been reached between the government and the British Medical Association, but was rejected in a vote conducted of 40,000 junior doctors in June.

The 47-year-old said he started the petition, which called on parliament to sit on Saturdays as part of a normal working day for MPs, somewhat flippantly, but has since received lots of support.

He said: "The government says Saturday is a normal working day. I don't believe it is. The clue is in the name: weekend, which is how most people would describe Saturdays and Sundays. However, if MPs think Saturday should be treated as a normal weekday then it stands to reason it should be a normal working day for them too.

"Chris Grayling has said that MPs work routinely on Saturdays. What work is he talking about? Perhaps he can provide a list of all the MPs who have regular timetabled weekly constituency surgeries?"

Dr Ratnayake is now waiting for a reaction from the government to see if there will indeed be a debate in parliament.

Mr Grayling said he was concerned those signing the petition are not aware that the real people affected are not MPs themselves.

He said: "MPs already work at weekends and I'm not sure that those who signed the petition realised that the real impact would be on staff who work in parliament. In addition, those with constituencies a long way from Westminster would spend much less time there".

The decision of whether a debate will be held will take place on September 6. The debates usually take place on Mondays, with the earliest chance of a debate regarding this issue coming on September 12.

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Tragedy strikes cycling event

Biker suffers cardiac arrest

Ride London: The annual cycling event passed through the region on Sunday EP98004

Thousands of cyclists, including three-time Tour de France winner Chris Froome, raced through the streets of north Surrey for the Prudential RideLondon-Surrey Classic on Sunday.

Jubilant crowds watched the Team Sky legend warming up for the Rio Olympics by racing through Richmond Park, Kingston, Hampton, Walton, Molesey, Weybridge, Esher, Raynes Park, Wimbledon and Putney before finishing in Westminster in 41st place.

Belgium road racer Tom Boonen took the top spot.

The event, however, was marred by tragedy when 48-year-old cancer survivor Robin Chard died after suffering a cardiac arrest while riding over Kingston Bridge.

Mr Chard was taking part in the 100-mile race to raise money for Cancer Research UK in memory of his father, stepfather and mother-in-law who all died from the disease.

He had also survived the rare Hodgkin lymphoma form of cancer when he was younger.

Mr Chard, from Bicester, Oxfordshire got into trouble at the 25-mile mark on Kingston Bridge.

He reportedly received treatment from fellow riders and paramedics.

Writing on his JustGiving fundraising page before the race Mr Chard said: "You can see it's a bit of a personal crusade, but I'm not riding a white charger, just a bike 100 miles in and around London.

"Even the smallest of donations will be gratefully received, so please help me reach my target and hopefully exceed it."

The page, which shows a £400 fundraising target, has been flooded with donations and tributes. Almost £60,000 has now been donated.

One contributor wrote: "Inspirational, and a loss to the world. Condolences to your family and friends."

Another said: "I hope the money raised under such truly tragic circumstances can go on to do something amazing for so many others."

To donate visit justgiving.com/fundraising/Robin-Chard.

HOME COMING: *Britain's Got Talent* judge and comedian David Walliams cut the ribbon at the re-opening of Banstead Guide Headquarters last month. The former *Little Britain* star, who grew up in Banstead, also held a question and answer session with the Rainbows and Brownies and was treated to a rendition of Abba's *Thank You For The Music*' by the guides as part of a celebratory evening with many of the residents who helped to raise money for the new headquarters.

DISNEY DREAMS: Students from Epsom Stagecoach performed in front of thousands at Disneyland Paris. The group, who had been rehearsing for months prior to the show, were told in earlier this year that they would be performing iconic pre-parade on Thursday, July 21 following successful auditions at Christmas. The Epsom group was joined by 23 other similar schools from around the country.

EXTRA WALKS: Bourne Hall Museum has added extra guided summer walks to its programme.

The walks, advertised at £5 a person, follow a variety of historic and scenic routes around Epsom and Ewell and run throughout August. If interested, contact David Brooks at the Bourne Hall Museum, *pictured,* on 020 8394 1734 or dbrooks@epsom-ewell.gov.uk in order to book places.

Project manager to raise money for British Heart Foundation

Man will swim English Channel for late friend

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Mickey Helps, 50, of Longdown Lane North, Epsom

A 50-YEAR-OLD project manager is preparing to swim the English Channel in memory of his lifelong friend next week to raise money for charity.

Mickey Helps, 50, of Longdown Lane North, Epsom was shocked when he heard his close friend and the former captain of his water polo team, Mark Shepherd, had died of a heart attack aged 53 in January.

The two men had grown up together and shared a love of swimming and water polo, playing for many different successful teams over the years.

The planning project manager and family man knew instantly he wanted to do something for the charity British Heart Foundation.

Mr Shepherd's death marked the beginning of a three-stage swimming journey swum in his honour.

Mr Helps hopes to raise £15,000 for the foundation by completing three of Europe's toughest swimming challenges.

Already having completed the eight-mile Gibraltar Strait in May, he now faces crossing the 21-mile-wide English Channel and the three-mile Dardanelles Strait, which he will tackle at the end of this month

Mr Helps explained that being in open water for long periods of time is both a physical and mental challenge, but one that as an experienced swimmer he has learnt to deal with.

He said: "It is about dealing with the cold and dealing with the boredom.

"When you swim the Channel, you can be in the water from 12 to 20 hours, with the average being about 14 hours. You have to find a way to get yourself through."

He has so far raised more than £6,500.

A mutual friend of Mr Helps and Mr Shepherd, David Leach, from Sainsbury's on Kiln Lane in Epsom, has offered his support, donating kit and hoodies for what will be a cold week at sea.

Mr Leach said: "I'm particularly proud to be able to do something to help Mickey because I think what his is doing is particularly crazy."

Mr Helps plans to swim the English Channel sometime between August 9 and August 16.

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CAR CRASH: A man was taken to hospital with a slight back injury following a four-car pile-up in Tadworth. The crash happened at the corner of Chapel Road and The Green, just off the B2032 Dorking Road, just before 5.55pm on Monday. Fire crews from Banstead, Reigate and Epsom fire stations were called.

ADULT SWIMMING: Free swimming lessons are being offered at Tadworth Leisure Centre, Preston Manor Road as part of Speedo UK's nationwide "Dive In" scheme. Running from August 7 until October, hour-long sessions, beginning 9am, are available to anyone over the age of 18 that can already swim at least 25 metres. Visit speedo.co.uk/dive-in for more information and signing up.

Councillors unanimously turn down proposal for a multi-faith burial ground in Banstead field

Green belt cemetery plan rejected

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THE application to build a multi-faith cemetery on protected green belt land has been refused by Reigate and Banstead Borough Council.

The plan for the cemetery, proposed for green belt pasture land that borders 16 Croydon Lane, Banstead, was discussed at a planning meeting on July 27.

The application for the erection of two buildings, a 55-space car park and 4137 burial plots has come up against fierce opposition.

Councillor Keith Foreman of Woodmansterne, speaking at the meeting, said 589 residents had personally contacted him objecting to the proposal which, he said, "showed the strength of feeling about the application".

Resident and representative of the Banstead Village Resident's Association (BVRA) Michael Sawyer said: "I've been asked to emphasise how vital this northern section of green belt is to the protection of Banstead Village. This is one of the narrow strips of green belt separating Surrey communities from the Greater London sprawl."

Head of places and planning Natalia Achilleos previously advised councillors to refuse the application. She explained that as the application was for green belt land, the only way it could have been approved was if Ms Amin was able to convince the committee that there were very special circumstances for the need for this cemetery.

In her application Ms Amin argued: "There is a clear need for the development (of the multi-faith cemetery).

"Burial space in the UK is becoming scarce at an ever increasing rate".

During the meeting, Councillor Lynne Rosemary Hack of the Banstead ward disagreed with Ms Amin stating there was no evidence of need for a new cemetery.

She said: "I have here a report from the cemetery and crematorium needs analysis presented on July 14 saying that just 4.3 miles away at Sutton Cemetery there is a capacity of 40 years left (there)."

Cllr Hack also listed a number of other cemeteries nearby. The application was unanimously rejected.

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Chris Bowyer, 69, from The Greenway in Epsom

Pioneer nurse retires

A NURSE who pioneered a specialist paediatric diabetes service at Epsom Hospital has retired after more than 50 years with the NHS.

Chris Bowyer, 69, from The Greenway in Epsom, bid farewell to colleagues at Epsom Hospital last month having first joined the team as a cadet nurse in 1963.

Staff, family and friends held a party for Ms Bowyer on Friday, July 22 in Casey, the hospital's children's ward where she spent 22 years as a ward sister. Colleagues paid tribute to her kindness, compassion, and her work in setting up a specialist paediatric diabetes service in the late 1990s, a service which created a child-friendly environment for young patients.

A lifelong Epsom resident, Ms Bowyer was first inspired to become a nurse after a short stay in the hospital for some "minor surgery" at the age of five.

"I was admitted to the ward for 24 hours and I was hooked," she explained. "I was never going to do anything else."

Ms Bowyer says she will keep busy thanks to new hobbies and her grandchildren.

EARLY LEARNING: A county-wide health provider has introduced a new campaign for language development and to improve children's life chances. Research by the Early Intervention Foundation found that one in four children in England start school without adequate communication skills. The 'Face-2Face' campaign, launched by speech and language therapists at Central Surrey Health (CSH Surrey), is encouraging families to embrace more face-to-face chatting with their infants to improve vocabulary. Parents are recommended to use sophisticated vocabulary as well conversing often with their children over the summer before they return to school in September. Visit cshsurrey.co.uk/our-services/services-children/developing-language-skills.

GOLF DAY: Eighty golf players with learning and physical disabilities gathered for the 2016 Community Golf Fun Day at the Epsom Golf Club. The players, who were customers of Surrey Choices, came together on July 21 for a day of friendly competition.

ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION: A radio station, launched by an organisation that provides support services for people with learning, mental, physical or sensory disability, celebrated its first anniversary last month. Direction Radio celebrated its successful first year and reaching up to 2,500 listeners a day with a live performance by West End singer Bonita Delaney at the Larches in Waterloo Road Epsom on July 22.

Clinical Commissioning Group make announcement after 14 weeks of public consultations

Hospital to be planned care centre

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LEATHERHEAD Community Hospital will be turned into a planned care centre, health commissioners have announced.

Governors at Surrey Downs Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) decided on the future of the hospital following a 14-week public consultation.

The CCG's governing board announced the decision at a meeting on Friday, July 29. A planned care centre offers non-emergency treatments, often administered after a patient is referred by their GP, including heart care, back pain clinics, eye clinics, ear, nose and throat clinics and joint care clinics were listed as being among their top priorities. All four options offered in the consultation, saw Leatherhead become a planned care centre, which the CCG said would mean a wider range of services.

The CCG proposed to close the hospital last year before deciding against the closure in August after a petition to save it was signed by 2,500 people.

Mole Valley District Councillor Paul Kennedy, who launched the petition, believes the CCG was wrong to rule out the option of retaining inpatient beds at Leatherhead Hospital alongside expanded outpatient services.

He said: "This would have suited many more patients and their friends and families in the Leatherhead area than either NEECH or Epsom, and provided synergies from combining both services on one site. We are of course still pleased that Leatherhead Hospital has a future for outpatient services and that the X-ray machine funded by donations from the Friends of Leatherhead Hospital could be purchased. But we are disappointed that a decision appears to have been made to terminate inpatient services there without a proper consultation."

The Friends group, donated £500,000 for a new digital x-ray machine in May.

Dr Claire Fuller, CCG clinical chairman said: "Our decision takes into account the findings of the review process, feedback we received as part of the public consultation, and further work we have undertaken in response to what people have told us."

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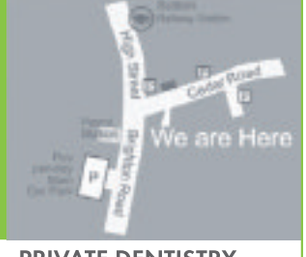

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Grandson filmed 86-year-old's surprise reaction to messages

Gran goes viral with a birthday wishes video

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A VIDEO of a Surbiton grandson surprising his Epsom grandmother with a recording of birthday wishes from the family has gone viral since it was posted on July 23, reaching more than 7 million views.

Dave Goodings, a 22-year-old radio presenter, invited his grandmother, Iris Howard, of Park Hill Road in Epsom, on a drive around Ewell on July 22, her 86th birthday and turned on what she thought was the radio.

After some music, the CD played the message: "Breaking news, please listen very very carefully… Iris Howard is celebrating her birthday. Commonly known for winning the best nan competition after 10 years in a row, the 86-year-old is often described as an incredible person and loved by all her family."

Next, the CD played pre-recorded messages from Ms Howard's friends and family wishing her a happy birthday and recalling memories of their lives together.

Mr Goodings said: "I had just returned from holiday and had to edit the video quickly. I didn't have time to think about how she would react."

The video he posted on his Facebook page achieved more than 32,000 views in five days, almost 1 million hits on Youtube and social media giant UNILAD contacted him about publishing the video on their sites. The UNILAD postings collected more than 7 million views at print.

Mr Goodings said: "I think this is a one-off thing really, but gets you thinking about what other surprises you can do for people."

Dave Goodings with his grandmother, Iris Howard

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Music producer tributes

FANS and musicians have paid tribute to the doctor who recorded the first three albums by The Police on a shoestring budget above a dairy in Leatherhead.

Nigel Gray recorded the popular post-punk/reggae band's first three albums in the late 1970s and early 1980s at Surrey Sound Studio, a converted the village hall in Kingston Road, Leatherhead.

He carried out the work in 1974 for £1,200, prior to recording The Police's *Outlandos d'Amour*, *Regatta de Blanc*, and *Zenyatta Mondata*.

Mr Gray's work at the studio earned him two Grammies for producer of Best Rock Performance for *Don't Stand So Close to Me* and Best Rock Instrumental for *Behind My Camel*.

Surrey Sound Studio

He sold the studio in 1987 and retired to Cornwall.

Mr Gray died on Saturday, July 30.

Read tributes to Mr Gray and leave your own at our website, epsomguardian.co.uk.

Flying the Green Flag

FOUR of Epsom and Ewell's green spaces have been granted a Green Flag Award for their excellent quality, it was announced on Friday.

Epsom Common Local Nature Reserve, Ewell Court Park, Alexandra Recreation Ground and Rosebery Park will be flying the Green Flag again this year, meaning that the spaces excel in many areas, including cleanliness, sustainability and community involvement.

The Keep Britain Tidy charity, who gives out the award each year, selected all four green spaces, which had been put forward for the accolade by Epsom Council.

Each of the green spaces has won the award for at least the fourth time.

Epsom Common Local Nature Reserve, the largest local nature reserve in Surrey, has won the award for the 10th consecutive year.

A total of 180 homes could be built on old school field

Outline approval for new housing estate

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AN ABANDONED school playing field in Tadworth is a step closer to becoming a 180-home housing estate after councillors gave general approval for development last week.

Reigate and Banstead Borough Council's planning committee gave outline consent to the application for the former site of De Burgh School in Chetwode Road, Tadworth last Wednesday.

However due to a change in how they receive funding for such projects, the council might face a shortfall of nearly £150,000.

A quarter of the 180 homes - 45 - would be designated affordable housing and the estate would also include parking for residents.

The development would include 45 four-bed houses, 74 three-bed houses, 22 two-bed houses, 29 two-bed flats and ten one-bed flats.

Conservative Councillor Jamie Ward said he was glad the council was getting closer to making a decision.

The site in Chetwode Road, Tadworth

Cllr Ward said: "Now we do have something I think we can work with.

"I was with two fellow councillors on [July 22] with the developer and I was very impressed with what was being offered."

Surrey County Council began to charge the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) from April 1, which could result in a shortfall of about £148,000.

Andrew Benson, the planning officer responsible for the application, said the CIL would fund infrastructure contributions for the development, for example removing a central traffic island and widening the road in Chetwode Road and improving the junction with Great Tattenhams.

He added: "The CIL liability is fixed and we have to accept that.

"It may end up being a bit less. It may end up being a bit more. We don't know."

The site has not been used as a playing field since 1990 and has been allocated as a reserved site for housing since 1994.

ROAD RAGE: Surrey Police has renewed its appeal for witnesses to an apparent road rage attack following a dispute over a parking space in Epsom. A woman was hit with a handbag and pushed into the side of a car in front of her seven-year-old son while waiting for a free parking space on level three in the Ashley Centre car park at about 12.30pm on Saturday, June 25. A man and woman in a silver Ford Focus were also waiting for a parking space. After the victim parked her red Renault Megane, the man and woman began insulting her. The woman hit the victim with her handbag and the man pushed her into the side of the Renault. Another driver intervened and the pair left the scene. The female suspect is white, in her 50s, 5 ft 10 ins tall, with long, dark brown hair. She was wearing a black or grey smart dress and jacket. The man is white, in his 50s, 5 ft 10 inches tall and had short fair hair. He was wearing blue jeans and an orange t-shirt. Call Police on 101 or 01483 571212, quoting crime reference number 45160054078, or Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

RAIL STRIKES: Southern Railway users are facing more upheaval after a fresh strike threat was announced by workers in a dispute over ticket office closures. Union the RMT is planning five days of strikes from Monday if the deadlocked row is not resolved. Southern said a "strike timetable" will be put in place if the action is not called off by today afternoon (Thursday).

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Obituary

IRENE ELIZABETH DAVIES

Passed away peacefully on 29th July, married to Dennis for 66 years. Funeral will take place at North East Surrey Crematorium on Tuesday 16th August, 2.00pm. Any enquiries to W. A. Truelove 01737 212160

MICHAEL JOHN FLEMING

Passed away on 13th July 2016 aged 79 years. Funeral to be held at Randalls Park Crematorium, Monday 15th August, 2.45pm. Donations if desired to R.N.L.I c/o Longhurst of Epsom 01372 723548

Obituary

MISS MARGARET JEAN HANLEY (PEGGY)

Late of Copse Edge Avenue. Died on 30th July 2016 at Leighton House Nursing Home after living with Alzheimer's for many years. She will be remembered for her generosity of spirit by her many friends and with great affection by her adopted family. The funeral will be held at Randalls Park Crematorium, Leatherhead, on Tuesday 23rd August 2016 at 12.30pm. Family flowers only but donations in her memory to the Alzheimer's Society c/o A & E Longhurst, 21 Kingston Road, Ewell KT17 2DX.

JOAN KEYNES

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MAX ADOLF

Pensioner battling eviction after death of mother

AS MUCH as I feel for this person, if he has been offered alternate accommodation then he must accept one of them. All he needs is a one-bedroom place as most of us live in. His grandchildren must look for alternate accommodation.

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Poor taste

I was absolutely appalled at the headline 'Dead Pool' in last weeks Epsom Guardian (July 28) relating to someone's life being taken.

This is an unbelievably amateurish use of the phrase presumably associating it with the recent film title.

I simply cannot believe someone agreed to its use and that it was allowed to adorn the front page, effectively turning a very serious incident into some kind of poor joke.

STEPHEN REEVES
Ruden Way, Epsom

Racing past

I am writing regarding your article in reference to the work set to take place on Derby Square, July 28, entitled 'Shabby areas rebranded in town centre plan'.

If you travel around the country and mention that you are from Epsom, there is one fact that everybody recognises – it is the Home of the Derby.

But not, apparently, to eight members of the council's planning committee.

The Derby and Oaks Squares are to be rebranded as "Epsom Square".

How many consultants were involved with this unnecessary change? Additionally, the sculpture of Galileo is to be relocated.

By all means refurbish the squares to improve customer appeal but it is disappointing that our council has no interest in protecting and promoting the town's heritage.

NEVILLE BOYCE
Epsom Road, Ewell

Great care

I am writing to thank everyone at St Helier Hospital involved in my recent care. You have an organisation and staff to be proud of.

I visited A&E on July 14 with shortness of breath and a history of Pulmonary Embolism. The wait was a long one, but we were treated with utmost courtesy and good humour by every one that we saw. I was given Heparin, and asked to go to ACU the following morning. At ACU again, the treatment was exemplary.

From the receptionist to the nurse, scan operatives and two doctors I saw, their approach was professional, understanding, humane, courteous and beyond reproach.

I was diagnosed with two blood clots and told what my treatment plan was. Given the very pressurised conditions they work under, I cannot praise them enough.

I was admitted to the hospital, and spent one night on AMU, where, once again, the treatment was faultless. The caring and considerate nature of the nurses was much appreciated, and no trouble was spared to ensure their patients welfare and comfort.

The following morning I was transferred to Mary Moore Ward, where I stayed for four nights. Again, the care and treatment that I got was superb. The staff were excellent and cared for every need of their patients. I was particularly impressed with their attention to detail, and their willingness to help older patients eat, drink and keep clean and as healthy as possible. They were kind and considerate and highly professional to all.

The doctors were very professional and both courteous and polite. I was given a heart echo test, and an ultra-sound on my abdomen and pelvis, to ensure all was well. I was discharged on July 20, and spent time in the discharge lounge, where once again the staff were efficient, polite and helpful. Tea, sandwiches and biscuits were offered, and there was plenty of reading material.

I would also add that I found the hygiene conditions to be excellent, and the catering standard higher than last summer.

To sum up, I would like you to know that everyone that I came into contact with was a credit to the hospital and its services. The medical treatment was excellent and I am feeling very much better. I felt very well cared for and looked after during my stay, and would, once again, like to thank everyone concerned for everything that they did for me.

JOYCE MELICAN

Viewfinder

Anne Bull took this photograph on July 28 in Rosebery Park of a Catalpa, or Indian Bean Tree. Do you have an image of the borough you wish to share? Email letters@epsomguardian.co.uk

Inspirational cyclists

LAST Sunday 26,000 cyclists passed our house, while they were getting the 100 miles from London via Surrey back to London into their wheels.

We walked up to the side of the road to cheer them on, these brave souls that were facing a tough challenge and were really going for it.

All these thousands, breaking into sweat, pushing their boundaries and persevering for their own reasons. The sound of those whirling wheels, the colourful shirts and the smiles or thumbs-ups that we got back from our cheering, all made me emotional.

I gave it some thought and think it is about the fact that so many people were united in a positive action, each individual having to face their own type of challenge and going for it, but moving together as a strong force.

It shows what people can do; ordinary people with busy jobs and busy lives, with state-of-the-art bikes, folding bikes and hybrids, who set their mind to a goal and are determined to get there. I admire and salute every single one of them.

It is inspiring and shows the best of the human race. Thank you Surrey for closing the roads and allowing the positive energy to flow through our borough.

DR MARIETTE JANSEN
Surrey

Hilarious full-frontal look at minute details of dating game

Editor Andrew Parkes has a number of thoughts every week, here are just five of them

5 THOUGHTS OF THE WEEK...

1. I RETURNED from holiday just in time to switch on Channel 4's latest offering Naked Attraction. A full-frontal, and every other angle, look at the dating game. All contestants strip naked and are revealed a part at a time – but it's genitals that get the ball rolling. There is nothing, it seems to me, taboo on this show, everything will be discussed in the most minute detail. A gratuitous, cynical attempt to secure ratings certainly. Don't miss this one, it's hilarious.

2. THE other joy I came back to is the M25. Just two weeks away and I already think I can see a noticeable difference to the level of aggression displayed on this unforgiving, brutal stretch of tarmac and concrete. There are more drivers than ever snarling like rabid dogs and spitting venom at their fellow victims. Those poor souls who travel this motorway as a one-off must wonder what has hit them, hopefully not literally.

3. HAVING mentioned dogs, that reminds me, this evening I'm off to see a litter of gorgeous puppies. At a weak moment I told my son circumstances at home had changed to such a degree we could now introduce man's best friend. I have, of course, secured all the necessary promises. "I'll walk it" and "Don't worry, I'll clear up after it". Should I take bets on how long these promises will last?

4. WHY are we Brits so bad at learning other languages? Are we just inherently lazy or do English speakers find it harder to learn other languages? It doesn't matter whether you find yourself surrounded by Germans, French or Dutch folks, they all seem to switch into English with ease. It leaves me feeling very inadequate.

5. FINALLY, a point from John Downs. His bugbear this week is people who approach a barman and say: "Can I get a beer". To which John feels the barman should reply: "Yes, you could get a beer, but would you prefer me to pour one for you". Personally I can live with people asking if they can get a beer, provided they make absolutely sure they add the word "please" at the end of the request.

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FILM/CLUB – Spice World: The Movie at Clapham Grand from 7.30pm on Friday: Shake it to the left like you're having a good time and find someone for a zig-a-zig-ahh after a watching the 90s cult classic. There will be Spice Girl masks, free popcorn, hotdogs, a giant screen, a dance competition, photobooth and fancy dress prizes. Tickets cost £1. Go to thelondongrand.com

FAMILY – James and The Giant Peach at Polka Theatre, Wimbledon, until August 14: Roald Dahl's tale about a boy who escapes his evil aunts and flies to New York in a giant fruit with a gang of insects is brought vividly to life for children aged five to 11 at Polka. Tickets cost £15 adults and children. Go to polkatheatre.com

MUSIC – Bryan Adams at Sandown Park Racecourse on tonight (Thursday): Jockey Club Live brings you the chart-topping Canadian rock star playing all of his hits plus an evening of racing at Sandown. Tickets cost from £50. Go to thejockeyclublive.co.uk

FILM – Suicide Squad (15), out Friday: If the best bit of Batman for you was the bad guys then you'll love David Ayer's new movie which a host of baddies - including The Joker, Deadshot, Harley Quinn and Killer Croc - all in the same movie, with some of them having to team up to stop and even bigger evil.

What's on

Michael Orton-Toliver talks to ARNO BRYANT about how an unhappy incident at an airport has resulted in a new mockumentary on Channel 5...

HAPPY LANDINGS

MICHAEL ORTON-TOLIVER and CHRIS GAU

They say inspiration can come at any time or anywhere, and for a US comedian living in Wandsworth it came eating crisps in a border security jail cell.

Landing this week, Channel 5's Borderline is a mockumentary-style sitcom following the employees at the fictional border security office of Northend Airport — a small provincial airport in the UK.

The concept came to co-writer Michael Orton-Toliver, an American comedian now living in Wandsworth, after an altercation with border security officers who denied him entry into the UK.

He said: "I used to have a residency card that said you could live in Europe — that continent you used to be part of — but I forgot it and they put me in a cell."

"They fed me Walkers crisps and showed me The One Show, then kicked me out the country. I remember thinking that this would be a good sitcom — no one has done a comedy about the people that work here."

At first, the concept was a means of ridiculing the security officers, but as they worked on a script, it became more considerate.

Orton-Toliver said: "When I first wrote it, it came across as really mean, like it was obvious that we didn't like these people, but I don't think that's true."

"They have a really difficult job, and it's hard, and that guy [at Stansted] was trying his best and I really wasn't being helpful."

Orton-Toliver comes from an improvisation background and was keen to harness London's improv talent for the show.

"Me and my co-writer [Chris Gau] have a shared mission to support and elevate improvisation," he said.

"In LA, where I'm from, improv is king, you can't work in comedy without being trained in improvisation."

"When we had the chance to make this show we thought 'let's give the people we know are hilarious cos they do improv with us every night, a shot at TV'."

"I think it will be fun to watch a sitcom without one of the six or seven faces you always see on TV... and maybe Channel 5 thought this would be cheaper."

The show is filmed in a mockumentary style to give the actors a freedom to improvise.

"It connects the audience really quickly to the subject. There's a sense of voyeurism to it.

"Mockumentary is about the things people don't want you to see and there's a vulnerability there.

"Work is so monotonous and it's fun to peer behind that monotony to see the fights, and the pressures on the characters."

Given the subject matter, they were determined not to avoid the more sensitive aspects of border security.

Orton-Toliver said: "I think comedy is the best at taking on controversial issues, we didn't write a show about border security to duck certain issues; it would be boring to make a show about immigration and borders without taking about those topics."

After moving to London this year Orton-Toliver said that he's still getting the hang of writing for an English audience.

"I think audiences in the UK are watching with the eye of 'ooh I've seen that before' — they want to see fresh stuff and challenging things."

"It's so tough but exciting; you guys are funny and clever and I'm American and dumb.

"My wife is English and she tells me I'm not funny every day."

Borderline is on Channel 5 from 10pm on Tuesdays.

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SUMMER HOTSPOTS

Slap on the sun cream and try one of these to soak up some summer rays...

Down at the bottom of the garden: A sunny day, a pint of something ice cold and a good pub garden – is there anything more ideal? Find yourself a seat in a good beer garden if you can. Our top tips include The Grove in Surbiton.

Or take a look up top: Drink on a roof terrace. Check out The Alexandra in Wimbledon, Lost Format Society in Croydon, The Castle in Tooting or even O'Neill's in Sutton.

Splash around: Try an open air pool, such as Hampton Open Air Pool, Richmond Pools in the park, Tooting Bec Lido or Brockwell Lido. Or for the more adventurous, there's the new aqua obstacle course at Thorpe.

Getting active: Are you one of those people that bursts into life when the sun comes out, rather than feeling content laying around? Take a stroll along the Thames Walk from Hampton Court Palace to Hammersmith Bridge, crossing over at Kingston Bridge and following the river on the southern side to Ham, stopping off at Ham House. Or go wild at Chessington World of Adventures and the zoo.

Anyone for cricket?: Of course, you may not want to run around but it can be enjoyable to take a seat, grab a drink and watch someone else tire themselves out for your entertainment. England take on Pakistan in a test match at The Oval from August 11 or Kent play Surrey in the T20 Blast, also at The Oval on July 29.

Something cold: Let's face it, the only adequate way to cool down is ice cream. Try Afters in Sutton, Tooting Bec and Croydon. Or Kaspas in Croydon, Wandsworth and Tooting.

Café culture: Ever been to Italy? Well it's hot (mostly) so do as the Romans and take a seat outside in the middle of Kingston or down by the riverside with a Frappucino or something nice to eat and watch the world go by, or hang out by the fountains or browse the market stalls.

Park life: South London is blessed with beautiful parkland, whether you're hanging with the deer at Richmond Park, chucking a Frisbee at Epsom Downs, chilling on one of the commons or playing mini-golf and paddling in the pool at Wandsworth Park.

ALL ABOARD FOR LOVE

A dating site is giving a new meaning to the term 'single ticket' as it gives commuters in Battersea the chance to fall in love on the way to work.

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The Transport of Lovin' Datemaster bus will also go from Limehouse to Waterloo on August 11 and Brixton to Liverpool Street on August 12.

Match's dating expert Kate Taylor said: "Londoners are the first to blame their lack of love life on their hectic schedule. So city-singles have to look for ways to fit dating into their already busy schedule.

"The Datemaster bus is the perfect solution. You can speed-date over a breakfast, and flirt before you've hit the office.

"I wish normal commutes could be so romantic, but Londoners are usually keen to avoid eye contact on public transport. The Datemaster bus finally allows singles to interact in a fun, romantic and time-efficient way. All aboard."

Register at match.com/datemaster

SIZZLING POP-UPS

Celebrity chef Jimmy Garcia is proving why he has been dubbed 'the pop-up king' by popping up once again in Clapham this summer.

The TV cook – who is already running his BBQ Club at a secret location in Clapham Old Town this summer — is bringing a 10-night Surf and Turf summer pop-up to The Lodge in Clapham Road in August.

The venture has seen Jimmy team up with Ranulph Lees and Alex Cox, both formerly of the Michelin-starred restaurants Nathan Outlaw and Merchant's Tavern for a five-course feasting menu (£40) featuring the best of British, including a lobster and Cote de Boeuf main course.

As well as the food – including a Picnic Basket for the Beach dessert – the evening features beach-themed cocktails to share, 10 pint kegs for the table and buckets of beer.

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The sessions will be taught by Lord of the Dance performers James Breen and Sarah Redmond alongside Simona Mauriello and Ellie O'Sullivan, who were all personally selected for Flatley's farewell tour this spring.

In south London there are one-hour classes at YMCA John Innes Centre in Wimbledon starting from September 12, Morden Assembly Hall from September 15, St Luke's Church in Kew from September 14, Chatham Hall in Wandsworth from September 17, at Westside School in Hammersmith from September 16 and the Congregational Church in Staines from September 13.

For further information visit michaelflatleydance.com.

THEATRE REVIEW: Extravaganza Macabre at Battersea Arts Centre, until August 26

COURT IN THE ACT

Over-the-top, fresh and constantly funny, Extravaganza Macabre proved to be the perfect show to Christen Battersea Arts Centre's new outdoors courtyard theatre, **writes Jim Palmer**.

Watching a performance outside – whether it is a gig, theatre or even a film screening – already brings with it a novelty and thrilling atmosphere and Little Bulb Theatre's latest show takes that feeling and runs with it.

A terrifically arch farce set in Victorian London, this is a the tale of a couple separated by a freak storm on their wedding day, a clairvoyant maid, an evil aristocrat, a street urchin and a baby found floating on the Thames.

Like a nineteenth century Garth Merenghi, Extravaganza Macabre is inventive and knowing. It steers deliberately towards ridiculousness yet its deftly devastating script and performances pull it back from the brink and pitch it perfectly for optimum enjoyment without forsaking its ludicrous narrative.

The 100-minute show (with a 20 minute interval) is performed with much gusto and apparent glee by the startling talent trio of Alexander Scott, Dominic Conway and Clare Beresford who, as well as launching themselves into multiple characters with barely the chance to catch a breath, manage to play all of the music as well.

All three are riotously entertaining though Beresford is a particular delight, showing off a great voice in the winning songs and comic chops as the urchin Chipper.

Conway's gift for physical comedy is evident throughout as the wide-eyed and earnest lover Ernest though he is especially fun as the maid who can communicate with the spirit world.

Scott, as the narrator and evil Lord London, proves to be quick with an ad-lib that has the audience eating out of his hand.

In a show where you can feel the air on your cheeks and the rain on your head, keeping the audience absorbed could be a challenge. Not for these three.

Off the cuff remarks about the weather and spontaneous riffs about what's going on around them let the audience in on the fun, while the crowd near the front stand-in as the Thames and a series of portraits.

If you're one of those people who enjoys feeling part of a show then sitting on the ground level is certainly for you. Standing up on the balcony is marginally safer territory, although the cast does get around.

The small, split-level space was used admirably and integral to the performance which made the most of its windows, trap doors and a balcony finale in an otherwise simple-looking staging that relied mostly on imagination.

And there was no lack of that from Little Bulb Theatre Company. Extravaganza Macabre really is so much fun – full of laugh-out-loud moments that not even rain can spoil (although admittedly this wasn't fully tested as our downpour was only intermittent and I am eternally grateful to the lady standing next to me for sharing her umbrella).

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VIEWINGS: PUT YOUR HOUSE IN ORDER

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First impressions really do count: Stand outside your property and try to look at it with a fresh pair of eyes. Does it have 'kerbside appeal'? Is the lawn mown? Are the flower beds neat? Is the front door grubby? Do the bins need emptying? If you have a communal entrance hall, does the carpet need a hoover? Are there piles of mail making the place look untidy? In the winter, make sure any paths or steps are clear of snow and ice. If you have a doorbell, make sure it works.

Let them see the light: If your viewing's after dark, think about the lighting so your home looks warm and inviting. Make sure house numbers and names can be seen clearly so your potential buyer can find you. Keep the porch or hall light on. During day time, make sure curtains and blinds are left open to maximise natural light into your home.

Fatal distraction: Your cat or dog might be your best friend and your kids are your pride and joy, but do keep any pets or children quiet or out of the house when you have viewings if you can. Let your potential buyers see your property without any distractions. Turn your music off too.

Spit spot!: Full redecoration is unnecessary, but do give your home the once-over and do any little jobs that might be making the place look more shabby than shabby-chic! Repair any peeling wallpaper, touch up chipped or marked paintwork, dust the skirting boards, clean the kitchen cupboards, wash the floors, replace any light bulbs, thoroughly clean and tidy every room. And please, please, please... clean the windows!

Get a handy person in: If there are other things that are letting your property down (broken sash cords, missing doorknobs, broken tiles, dripping taps, cracked/missing sockets), then get them sorted. It will be money very well spent.

Kitchens and bathrooms sell homes: This really is true so pay particular attention to these rooms. Put away as many of your items as possible so your potential buyers see clutter-free surfaces. Taps covered in limescale, a stained bath and grubby, cluttered worktops will not create a very good impression, so get your Marigolds on and clean, scrub and polish until these rooms look shiny and inviting.

De-clutter and recycle: Lots of storage space is always popular so do everything you can to maximise what you have. Sort out your attics and basements, make sure any cupboards are tidy and organised, recycle anything you no longer need or want (be honest) and generally have a good clear-out. It'll be one less thing to do when you do move out.

Crowded house: Potential buyers always feel a bit like they're intruding so minimise the amount of people in the house when you have viewings. If you are showing a potential buyer your home let them look around at their own pace and give them the option to explore on their own. They will have a great deal to think about and discuss and sometimes that's easier if you're not following them from room to room! Suggest that you leave them to it and offer to answer their questions once they've had a good look round.

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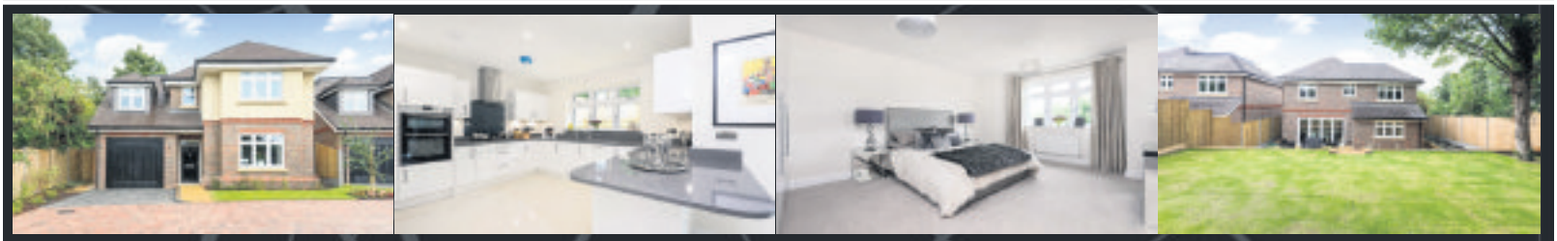

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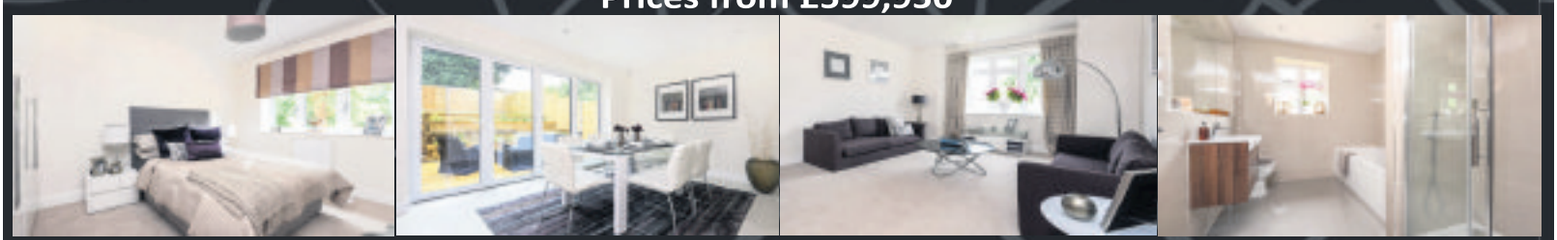

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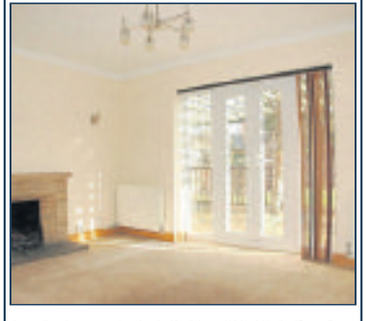

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Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015

Notice is hereby given that the following applications have been received:

16/00601/FLH **5 Ewell Downs Road, Ewell, Surrey**
Refurbishment of front garden to include new garden wall, brick pillars, and extended gravel driveway

16/00603/FLH **64 West Hill, Epsom, Surrey**
Single storey side extension and replacement of all windows and doors.

16/00608/FUL **15 Pine Hill, Epsom, Surrey**
Demolition of existing house and outbuildings and erection of detached house with integral double garage and associated landscaping works. (Re-submission of 15/01336/FUL with updated ecological survey)

Applications may be viewed online: http://www.epsom-ewell.gov.uk/EEBC/Planning or alternatively by visiting Epsom Town Hall, The Parade, Epsom, Surrey, KT18 5BY during office hours or in local public libraries with internet access. Should you wish to comment please use our website or email supportgrouprequests@epsom-ewell.gov.uk or write to Place Development at the above address. Please make sure that you quote the application reference number. Comments should be sent within 21 days from the date of this notice. All comments will be publicly available for inspection and will be displayed online.

Please note that details of all planning applications received are available on the Council's website.

Head of Place Development
Epsom and Ewell Borough Council

Notice of application to vary a Premises Licence under Section 34 of the Licensing Act 2003

Notice is hereby given that Chilli Whites (Epsom) Limited in respect of premises known as Elements (be known as Fever and Boutique), 5-9 Spread Eagle Shopping Mall, Epsom, KT19 8DN has applied to Epsom and Ewell Borough Council for a variation of a Premises Licence. The proposed variation is to seek approval of proposed alterations to the premises, detailed in the plan supplied with the application. The alterations comprise of the following: 1. Existing kitchen to be removed and dancefloor for Fever room provided. 2. Bar 1 changed shape with access re-sited and ramp adjusted. 3. Bar 2 to be extended. 4. Bar 3 moved to opposite wall with DJ unit behind. 5. Provision of dancefloor in Boutique area with perimeter booths. To remove condition 4 of Annex 2 which reads "The number of persons admitted shall not exceed 500 standing" and replaced with "The occupancy levels will be risk assessed in accordance with the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005." To amend condition 1 of Annex 3 to read "No admittance or re-admittance to the premises after 01.30, except for persons having worked in other licensed premises within the Borough of Epsom and Ewell in possession of an entry pass. The pass shall be issued by Fever and Boutique to the managers of the other venues and be titled Fever and Boutique Licensed Premises Staff Pass with blank sections for member of staff's name, venue name, manager's name, manager's signature and date of issue. The venue manager issuing the pass will complete the blank sections. The pass shall be valid for that night only and surrendered on entry to door staff." To amend condition 13 of Annex 3 to read "A dedicated smoking area shall be provided at the rear of the premises which will be covered by in-house CCTV, copies of recordings shall be made available to an officer of the licensing authority or police officer upon reasonable demand. This area to be monitored by door staff and for the sole use of patrons from the premises. To remove conditions 3 and 4 of Annex 3 and replaced with "All draught beers, spirits, wine and champagne will be served in polycarbonate vessels." To remove condition 7 of Annex 3 "All drinks promotions will be agreed with Surrey Police." To add the following condition to the premises licence - "Regular collections will be undertaken to collect glasses and bottles." Any representations by an interested party or responsible authority regarding the above mentioned application must be received in writing by Licensing Team, Epsom and Ewell Borough Council, Town Hall, Epsom, KT18 5BY no later than 25 August 2016 stating the grounds for objection. The register of Epsom and Ewell Borough Council and the record of the application may be inspected at the address of the council, given above, during normal business hours or on the council's website – www.epsom-ewell.gov.uk

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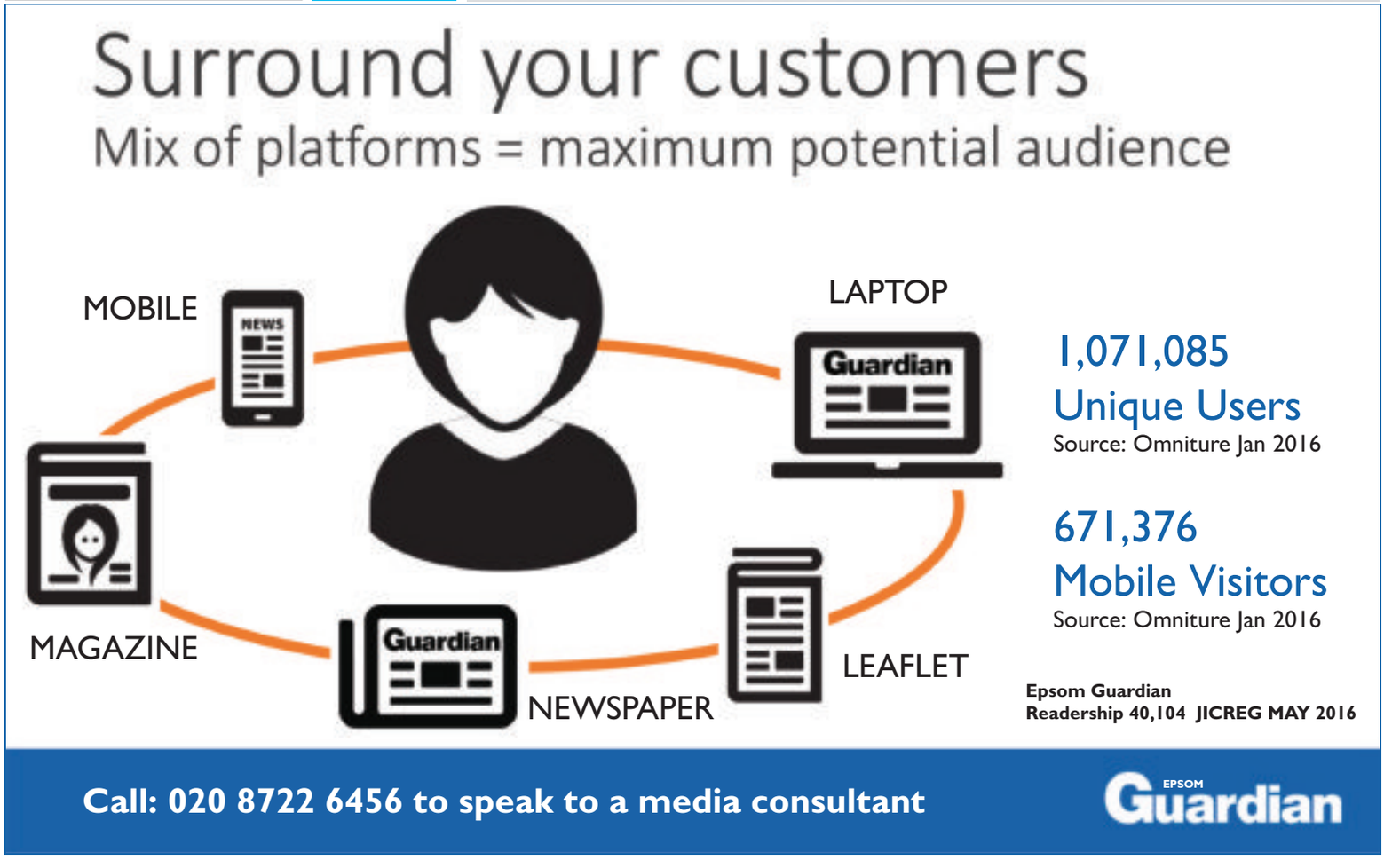

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Keeping it in the Tadworth family

TADWORTH AC's John Melbourne finished 17th of 573 runners in the Wimbledon Common half-marathon on Saturday, clocking one hour 27 minutes 28 seconds.

His wife Nellie, was 396th in 2.09:49.

Another husband and wife team, Richard and Rachel Saunders, *right*, ran in the Tywardreath Trotter, a seven-mile race near St Austell in Cornwall.

Richard finished 239th of 334 in 1.10:23, with Rachel 250th in 1.12:40.

Early leader: Welshman Geraint ThomasTheroeather

Froome hails cycle fanatics

A WEEK after claiming his third Tour de France crown, Chris Froome got back on his golden saddle to happily repay his loyal south London fans at the Prudential RideLondon-Surrey Classic on Sunday, *writes Ziad Chaudry*.

In his warm-up for next week's Rio Olympics, the 31-year-old Team Sky legend raced through the streets of East Sheen, Richmond Park, Kingston, Hampton, Walton-On-Thames, Molesey, Weybridge, Esher, Leatherhead, Raynes Park, Wimbledon and Putney before finishing in The Mall, Westminster in 41st place.

His fellow Team Sky teammate and also Rio-bound Geraint Thomas had his large lead dissolved by the chasing pack with 5km to go.

Belgium's Tom Boonen, 35, claimed a sprint finish win in four hours 43.56 minutes.

Froome himself enjoyed riding at this year's event which he felt was the perfect preparation for the Olympic 60km time trial and road race competitions next week.

He said: "It was an amazing atmosphere, even compared to the Tour de France. The roads were jammed. I felt good and it was a great little opener for me before Rio.

"Prudential RideLondon is a great event. It's fantastic getting people to come out on the same roads as us in the morning. It shows how far the sport has come in Britain."

Nice to see you: The pro riders in Leatherhead

RIO GAMES: Sir Chris Hoy gives thumbs up to Rowsell and co in Brazil

Legend backs Team GB

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JOANNA Rowsell-Shand and the rest of the Team GB team pursuit line-up will be the squad to beat at the Olympics, according to Sir Chris Hoy – but he has warned against any complacency.

Rowsell-Shand of Epsom will compete alongside Laura Trott, Ciara Horne, Katie Archibald and Elinor Barker in the team pursuit when the action starts on August 11.

The British trio of Trott, Rowsell-Shand and Dani King won gold in the event at London 2012, although four cyclists now ride per team.

The quartet of Horne, Trott, Rowsell-Shand and Barker suffered disappointment when they only collected bronze at the Track Cycling World Championships in London earlier this year.

But Hoy – who won six Olympic gold medals and one silver during a glittering career – believes they are still in a great place heading towards Rio.

"The team pursuit – men and women – are in a really good position," said Hoy.

"If you are going to put any money on any medals then you are looking at the two team pursuit events.

"The women are flying and fingers crossed for them. They have a huge amount of strength in depth in the team, but it doesn't take much for things to change very quickly.

"We saw that in the World Championships when Katie Archibald suffered a big injury which meant she missed out.

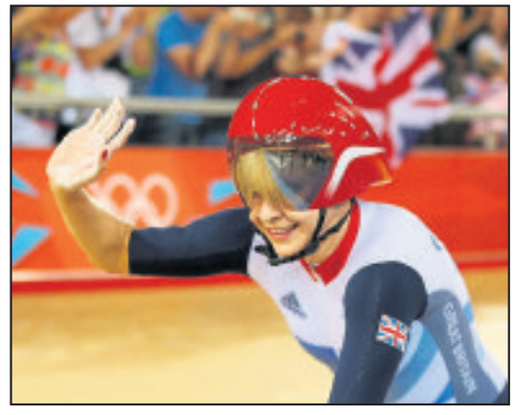
"So you can never take it for granted, even though they do have great strength in depth."

Meanwhile, Chris Langridge from Leatherhead will be competing in the badminton.

He said: "My hopes for Rio are that I want to play well, be in the best shape of my career, put in good performances and compete with everyone that I play against.

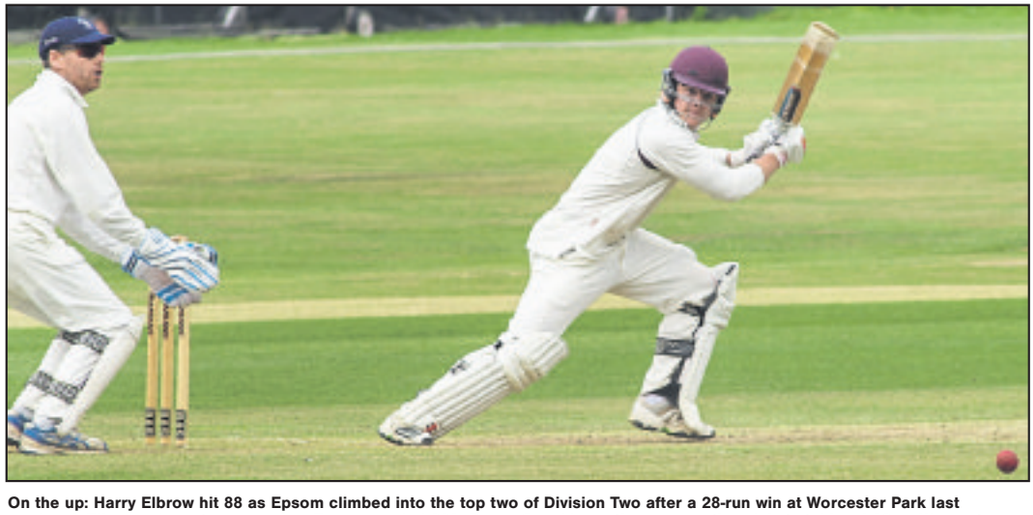
"Until the draw is officially made it will be hard to know exactly who we are going to play. The way Marcus [Ellis, playing partner] and I play works really well against some pairs and not quite as well against other pairs and once the draw is made we will have a better idea.

"We have competed against the best in the world all year so there is no reason why we can't do that in the Olympics."



Here we go again: Can Joanna Rowsell-Shand, above, recreate her medal-winning form of London 2012?; Chris Langridge, below, just wants to make sure he is competitive on the badminton court

Elbrow fires Epsom into second place promotion spot



On the up: Harry Elbrow hit 88 as Epsom climbed into the top two of Division Two after a 28-run win at Worcester Park last weekend. Elbrow, *above*, top scored as Epsom carded 208. Danny Secchi was then among the wickets taking 4-63 as Worcester Park struggled to 180 in 45 overs. Epsom face a stiff challenge to stay in the top two at leaders Camberley on Saturday

SPORTS*brief*

CRICKET: Banstead will be kicking themselves for only picking up a draw at home against Malden Wanderers in Division One. Dan Newton's, *above*, century knock (114) saw Banstead to 250-8 declared, and they had Wanderers on 99-9 – thanks in part to Freddie Van den Burgh 5-54. However, a 63-run last wicket partnership saw Wanderers to the 60 overs cut off, and a share of the spoils. Banstead host Old Whitgiftians this weekend.

CRICKET: Paul Harrison and Jordan Thomas were the inspirations as Ashtead took a giant step towards securing their place in the Premier Division of the Surrey Championship with a 32-run win at East Molesey. Harrison hit 128 to guide Ashtead to 262, a target their hosts failed to reach thanks mainly to Thomas' stunning eight-wicket haul. Ashtead are at Weybridge on Saturday.

CRICKET: There are now 39 points between Leatherhead and the Division One front-runners, after Jack Baker's century (104) inspired them to a 144-run win at Walton on Thames last weekend. Aneesh Patel contributed 60 as Leatherhead racked up 324-8 declared, a target out of Walton's reach and they were skittled for 180. Leatherhead take on leaders Valley End this weekend.

FOOTBALL: Epsom & Ewell kicked off their Combined Counties League Premier Division campaign on Tuesday night with a spectacular 9-2 win at Bedfont & Feltham. They host Gravesham Borough this weekend in the extra preliminary round of the FA Cup, which also sees Banstead Athletic go to Deal Town. The Division One season kicks off on August 13, with Banstead Athletic hosting Bagshot, and Epsom Athletic going to South Park Reserves.

SWIMMING: Tamworth Leisure & Community Care Pool is holding free swimming sessions on August 7. To sign up go to speedo.co.uk/dive-in.

BOWLS: Jeff O'Leary of Epsom Park Bowling club is celebrating after being crowned Surrey County singles bowls champion last weekend.

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